



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

Monday, August 3, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Ann Millner

Sen. Kathleen Riebe

Sen. Evan J. Vickers

**Staff Present:**

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Michael E. Curtis, Associate General Counsel  
Diana Rodriguez, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

### 1 . Committee Business

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-5

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. L. Hillyard

The committee introduced themselves.

### 2 . Review of the Reappointment of James Moss Jr. to the State Charter School Board

James Moss, Jr. spoke to his experience and qualifications.

The committee asked questions of the nominee.

The chair opened the meeting to public comment.

Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke to the reappointment.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to recommend the nomination of James Moss, Jr. to the full senate. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-6

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. L. Escamilla

### 3 . Review of the Reappointment of Cynthia Phillips to the State Charter School Board

Cynthia Phillips spoke to her experience and qualifications.



The committee asked questions of the nominee.

The chair opened the meeting to public comment.

Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke to the reappointment.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to recommend the confirmation of Cynthia Phillips. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-7

Nays-0

Absent-0

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. E. Vickers

**4 . Review of the Reappointment of Michelle Monday Smith to the State Charter School Board**

Michelle Monday Smith spoke to her experience and qualifications.

The committee asked questions of the nominee.

The chair opened the meeting to public comment.

Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke to the reappointment.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to recommend the confirmation of Michelle Monday Smith to the full senate. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-7

Nays-0

Absent-0

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. E. Vickers

**5 . Review of the Appointment of Stephanie Speicher to the State Charter School Board**

Stephanie Speicher spoke to her experience and qualifications.

The committee asked questions of the nominee.

The chair opened the meeting to public comment.

Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke to the appointment.

DeLaina Tonks, Chair, Utah State Charter School Board, wrote a statement in support of the appointment.

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to recommend the confirmation of Stephanie Speicher to the State Charter School Board. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.



Yeas-7

Nays-0

Absent-0

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. E. Vickers

**6 . Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Millner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-7

Nays-0

Absent-0

Sen. L. Escamilla  
Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. E. Vickers